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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-20 (canceled).

21 (new). A sealing strip for sealing a gap between two parts, said sealing strip comprising:

a flexible layer having a first surface adhereable to one of said parts and a second surface sealingly engageable with the other of said parts;

an adhesive layer positioned on said first surface and adapted to adhere said first surface to said one part;

a cover sheet positioned over said adhesive layer and releasably attached thereto; and

a tear thread extending through said cover sheet and having at least one free end protruding outwardly therefrom.

22 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said tear strip has two ends, both of which protrude outwardly from said cover sheet, each of said ends having a planar holding element attached thereto.

23 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said tear thread comprises a synthetic material.

24 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

25 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

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26 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 21, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

27 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said tear thread comprises a synthetic material.

28 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

29 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 23, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

30 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 27, wherein said flexible layer comprises an elastomer and said adhesive layer comprises acrylic foam.

31 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

32 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 23, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

33 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 24, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

34 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 27, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

35 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 28, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

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36 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 30, wherein said flexible layer has a linear shape.

37 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 22, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

38 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 23, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

39 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 24, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

40 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 27, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

41 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 28, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

42 (new). A sealing strip according to Claim 30, wherein said flexible layer has the shape of a closed curve.

43 (new). A method of making a sealing strip according to Claim 20, said method comprising the steps of:

providing said flexible layer;
applying said adhesive layer to said flexible layer;
applying said cover sheet to said adhesive layer;

and

pressing said tear thread through said cover sheet.